

NM EQIP FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Gallup F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 500 Potential Points (25-50% of Total) Min. 100 required for ranking

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Grazing					200		
	Seasonal Grazing					100		
	Continuous Grazing					0		
Deferment Period	>75% of Growing Season					200		
	51-75% of Growing Season					75		
	26-50% of Growing Season					25		
	0-25% of Growing Season					0		
Stocking Rate	1 aum/>9 Acres					100		
	1 aum/5.5 - 9 Acres					50		
	1 aum/4 - 5.4 Acres					25		
	1 aum/<4 Acres					0		
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 900 Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.						Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion (Sheet, Rill & Concentrated Flow)						100		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)						25		
Range Planting (550)						5		
Brush Management (314)						30		
Prescribed Grazing (528)						40		
Water Quantity (Permanent Water for Ungulates)						100		
Spring Development (547)						20		
Pond (378)						5		
Well (642)						40		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)						35		
Water Quality (Sediment/Non-Point Source)						300		
Riparian Buffers (390,391,612,472)						200		
Well (642)						30		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)						25		
Pond (378)						5		
Fencing (382)						40		
Air (Particulate Matter)						25		
Prescribed Grazing (528)						25		
Plants (Productivity, Health, Vigor,)						275		
Prescribed Grazing (528)						200		
Range Planting (550)						5		
Fencing (382)						40		
Brush Management (314)						30		
Animals (Habitat, Management & Forage)						100		
Range Planting (550)						5		
Stream Habitat Improvement (395)						25		
Well (642)						20		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)						20		
Wildlife Watering Facility (648)						30		
2. Conservation Practice Selection						Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 420 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them as item(s) E, F, G, H and I.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	40		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	50		
E. Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on the Rio Puerco watershed.	50		
F. Concentrated Flow Erosion	20		
G. Percent of acres in contract that will have reliable water supply within NRCS distance and quality guidelines by end of contract. Spring development(s) must be fenced.	100		
H. Wildlife escape ramps in existing or planned troughs. 5 pts./tank.	50		
I. 20 points for each additional pasture created under this application (must meet pasture criteria)	100		
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____

SECTION 1 MINIMUM:

At least 100 points must be earned to be considered for ranking.

RANKING SHEET MINIMUM:

At least 350 points must be earned to be considered for ranking.

District Conservationist

Date

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